

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 31st July 2016

The Kerry Amateur Radio Group now active on DMR

At the most recent club meeting John EI9ESB, gave a presentation introducing DMR to the attendees. The talk outlined the basics of the mode and included the various ways to become active. A practical demonstration followed of a portable DMR access point which is entirely self contained in a rugged waterproof case.

The attendees were all able to try out the mode with many getting on air for their first DMR QSO.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group look forward to working many stations via DMR and plan on activating the mode at the next outing which is the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend in August.

Planning for the event at the Cromwell Point Lighthouse on Valentia Island, Co. Kerry is well underway and the club members were briefed by the clubs Expeditionary Radio Team on this years station set up, which will include the new club HF set.

Club members got a chance to familiarise themselves with the operation of the radio ahead of the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend. The club are looking forward to another successful event and welcoming many visitors and HAMS at the Cromwell Point Lighthouse on Valentia Island, Co. Kerry.

Southern Ireland Repeater Group

The EI2DBR 2m repeater on 145.650 MHz at Devil's Bit Co. Tipperary was put back into service, having had some repairs and upgrades. The antenna and feeder were replaced and a higher powered radio was put into service. The work was carried out by Neil EI3JE and John EI8JA.

Some work was also carried out on the EI7MLR 70cm repeater and the EI2MLP APRS digipeater at Mount Leinster County Carlow. Antennas and feeders on both units were replaced and Motorola MTR 2000 70cms repeater was put into service. This new repeater has a higher power output than the old one so with the addition of a new antenna and feeder the coverage should be much improved.

On site were Neil EI3JE, Liam EI8BLB, Nicky EI3JB and John EI8JA.

Big thanks to Ray EI6HFB and Dennis EI2HSB for their help.

We would appreciate signal reports on both repeaters. Reports can be emailed to: [sirrepeaters /at/ gmail.com](mailto:sirnrepeaters/at/gmail.com).

Transatlantic Link-up

The Cable station that is situated in Hearts Content Newfoundland, Canada: this is the opposite end of the old Valentia - Newfoundland submarine cable.

Barry Harris VO1NC would like to set up a live link-up with Valentia on 10th September 2016.

The station does not necessarily need to be situated in Valentia Cable station or even on Valentia Island, however, it would be nice if it could be done.

The contact in Canada is Barry Harris VO1NC and his email is [barry.vo1nc /at/ gmail.com](mailto:barry.vo1nc/at/gmail.com)

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Today the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2WRC/P from the Inistioge Vintage Rally, Inistioge, County Kilkenny. This promises to be a very special event and all are welcome today.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group hold their meetings in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. Full details are available on www.searg.ie

New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend club meetings.

DX News

A group of 6 U.S. operators will sign PJ6Y from the Island of Saba in the Caribbean from 2nd to 9th August. QSL Manager is N6JRL.

Freddy F5IRO will be on the island of Sao Miguel in the Azores from 5th to 19th August. He will use the callsign CT8/F5IRO and be mainly active on CW. QSL to his home call.

Ismo OH2IS will be QRV from the Aland Islands as OH0/OH2IS from 6th to 11th August. He will use CW on 80m to 10m.

Armin DK9PY returns to Jamaica where he will reactivate his 6Y6N callsign from 6th to 20th August. This will be a holiday style operation and he will use CW on all bands 160m to 10m. QSL to the home call.

The special event station GB5RC will be operated during the weekend 5th to 8th August from the 'Ross Revenge' which is moored in the River Blackwater in Essex. The 'Ross Revenge' is the home of Radio Caroline and the special event station marks 50 years of offshore radio broadcasting. QSL Manager is G6NHU.

Next Edition of Echo Ireland – September 2016

Now is the time to send to newsteam /at/ irts.ie items of interest and news items for publication in the September edition of Echo Ireland.

The editor welcomes all quality input.newsteam /at/ irts.ie

North Cork Radio Group

NCRG will be holding this years annual rally today Sunday 28th August 2016 at The Commons Express Inn, Commons Road, Blackpool, Cork. Doors open at 11am and tickets are €5 per person, children under 16 years are free. Everyone is welcome.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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